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## *Love Through A Horse*

It all started that one stormy night when I, Stephanie Wood, was out at the stable picking my horses hooves. Zach, my boyfriend came up and touched me on the shoulder. I turned around so quickly and slapped him right in the face. "Ow" said Zach. "Sorry I got scared" I quickly said. "So how's Franky's feet?" Zach said "They're fine" I say. We quickly finished picking Franky's hoofs and started walking home. "Hey Stephanie, are you ok?" Zach whispered "Yeah it's just... never mind" "No tell me" Zach said "Ok" I said "Franky has cancer" I said crying. "Oh I'm so sorry" Zach said as we sat on the bench in my front yard, and I lay my head on his shoulder. He looked at me and kissed me on my head. At that point I felt calm and happy. "thanks" I say quietly "love you". The next morning I was getting ready to go to the rodeo. That's also how I met Zach. I saw him riding a huge bronco and thought he's perfect. I remember walking away and here a loud thud I ran back to the arena and saw him on the ground and the bronco was still going crazy. I went in there and helped him and that moment when our hands touched we knew we were meant for each other Zach drove into my driveway and got out of the car. "you coming" said zach "well sure lets go" I say excitedly. As we were driving Zach started talking to me about Franky and I just didn't say anything. We got to the rodeo and I was cleaning out some stalls when Zach yelled my name. I came running "what" I yell out "its franky" zach says "your mom called me" we get in the car and drive as fast as we can. My phone started ringing. It was my mom. I answer the phone and she says "Frankys on the ground and not getting up I called a vet but come as fast as you can". I hung up and started to cry. Zach hugs me and within 10 minutes we're home I run to the stable "oh franky" I cry

out. By the time we got there he was gone. "Hey you ok" Zach says I didn't answer. I was in my room for a few hours after that. I went out to Franky's grave and said "come back please" I knew it was impossible for him to come back but I would rather take my chances. I went to Franky's stall and sat there and prayed "oh heavenly father why did it have to happen so fast? Why can't he come back? Please help me." I looked up and my mom was standing there with a big bay gelding the same color as Franky. I looked at the gelding and he looked at me. I knew we would have a strong bond. I felt a lot better but not enough every time I looked at that gelding I just saw a Franky. A few weeks later Zach pulled up at my house and gave me a kiss and walked me inside he could tell something was wrong and immediately he said "listen I know it's hard but it's ok it'll be here for you just like Franky was I love you steph". "thanks love you too" we drove off, I looked back and remembered me and Zach's love was through that horse.